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Applicant: John P. Cooke et al.

Title: ENHANCEMENT OF VASCULAR FUNCTION BY MODULATION
OF ENDOGENOUS NITRIC OXIDE PRODUCTION OR ACTIVITY

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(b)

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Sir:

Under 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents on the attached SB/08. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/060,252, filed February 1, 2002, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,646,006, which application is a continuation of U.S. Application 09/930,833, filed August 15, 2001, now abandoned, which application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/075,509, filed May 8, 1998, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,337,321, which application is a continuation of 08/556,035, filed November 9, 1995, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,891,459, which application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No.

08/336,159, filed November 8, 1994, now abandoned, which application is a continuation-in-part of 08/076,312, filed June 11, 1993, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,428,070.

A. Submitted Search Reports

Four search reports are submitted herewith.

PCT/US94/06203 (G42): This application is an international application that claims the benefit of the '312 application. The search report lists documents considered to be relevant by the searcher. All of the listed documents are believed of record.

PCT/US96/17241 (G43): This application is an international application that claims the benefit of the '035 application. The search report lists documents considered to be relevant by the searcher. Documents G1 and G3 are submitted herewith. The remaining documents are believed of record.

PCT/US97/13905 (G44): This application is an international application that claims the benefit of U.S. application 08/695,792, a continuation of the '035 application. The search report lists documents considered to be relevant by the searcher. Documents G8, G12, G13 and G16 are submitted herewith. The remaining documents are believed of record.

EP 97 93 8163 (G41): This application is an European application resulting from PCT/US97/13905. The search report lists documents considered to be relevant by the searcher, in addition to the references listed in the search report of international application PCT/US97/13905 . Documents G19 – G22 are submitted herewith. The remaining documents are believed of record.

B. Documents Submitted to or cited by the Office in an earlier filed case

Documents G23 – G37 and G39 – G40 were cited by or submitted to the Office in at least one of Application No. 08/076,312, filed June 11, 1993; Application No. 08/336,159, filed November 8, 1994, and Application No. 08/556,035, filed November 9, 1995. As provided in 37 CFR §1.98(d), a copy of these documents are not being submitted since they were previously submitted to the United States Patent & Trademark Office in the above-identified parent applications, upon which the present application claims priority benefit.

Documents G1 – G18 and G38 were cited by or submitted to the Office in related Application No. 08/796,298, filed February 7, 1997, or Application 08/764,919, filed December 16, 1996. Copies of these documents are submitted herewith.

Documents G24 and G25 are cited on Form PTO/SB/08 with ellipses in the title of the journal articles. Applicants note that the articles were cited by the Examiner in Application No. 08/556,035, filed November 9, 1995, in this manner.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute “prior art.” If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute “prior art” under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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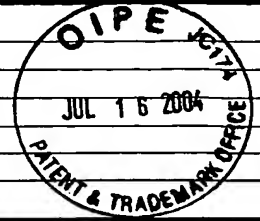
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